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From the Provisional Executive Committee

Of the United Campus Christian Fellowship

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Things are happening! The United Campus Christian Fellowship is beginning to take some form as a new movement within the life of the church in the U. S. A. From nebulous beginnings in 1955 a merger negotiating committee worked steadily to outline the dreams of what union of several student movements might become. By 1959 major clearances were completed with four student movements and their "parent" denominations. The Articles of Union were submitted as bases upon which a uniting assembly could meet.

These UCCF REPORTs will have one major purpose: to present, to persons related to the movements participating in the Uniting Assembly, developments to date. This first issue will outline some of the organizational happenings; the April issue, the basis of union; and the May issue, a restatement of the direction defining meetings held during the course of the negotiation.

The Provisional Executive Committee

The first meeting of the four national executive committees was held on September 3-5, 1959, at Oberlin College. Agenda items included:

--setting up a procedure for handling budget and projecting an operating budget for 1959-60 and 1960-61
--furthering work done by the Assembly planning committee
--seriously considering the ecumenical relationship of UCCF and its place in the Life and Mission of the Church project
--developing further the plans of the Publications Committee.

From the joint executive committee was elected a Provisional Executive Committee of three members from each of the participating groups. The Committee, successor to the merger negotiating committee, will serve as the steering committee for the Uniting Assembly and the first National Council, until the Council has duly elected officers. The committee met on February 20-21 in St. Louis.

Members of the Provisional Executive Committee are:
Allen Happe, Purdue University, chairman
Carol Prudhon, New Jersey State College, secretary
Skip Andrew, Drake University
Rosemary Miller, Drake University
Lois Mothershed, graduate, Phillips University
Jolane Bakley, Westmar College, LeMars, Iowa
Bill Garrett, graduate, Albright College
Harold Morrical, United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio
Richard Conner, Harvard University
R. T. Henke, Purdue University
Al Bennett, Northwestern University
Ken Carpenter, Trinity University, San Antonia, Texas

The National secretariat is composed of the national staff of the participating

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United Campus Christian Fellowship will come into being when four student movements—Disciples Student Fellowship (International Convention of Christian Churches), Student Fellowship Council (Evangelical United Brethren Church), United Student Fellowship (United Church of Christ), and Westminster Student Fellowship (United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.)—meet for a uniting assembly Aug. 25 - Sept. 1, 1960, at Stephens College, Columbia, Mo.

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movements: the Rev. Hartland Helmich, chairman and publications; the Rev. Robert Huber, administrative coordinator; the Rev. Quentin Lansman, assistant, coordination of national offices; and the Revs. Harold Viehman, Arnold Nakajima, Myrvin DeLapp, and Paul Kearns, regional development.

The Rev. John E. Cantelon, Miss Jane Dowell, Mrs. Barbara (Bell) Ciboski, the Rev. Donald Reisinger, the Rev. William Henderson, and Miss Margaret Flory are at work in developing special aspects of UCCF, such as publications, Assembly platform arrangements, Assembly Bible Study, Christian vocation, and study abroad.

The Uniting Assembly

The Uniting Assembly will be held from August 25 to September 1, 1960, at Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri. Details are described in the brochure included with this UCCF REPORT. About 1200 persons will attend the Assembly, 400 of whom will be designated by their movements as voting delegates. From the 400 will be elected the 100 members of the first UCCF National Council.

Conference sessions will be scheduled so that each person will participate in the process of policy and procedural development of UCCF, as well as in the conference Bible study, platform addresses, worship, workshops, and recreation.

URGENT! URGENT! URGENT!

Even through the brochure describing the United Campus Christian Fellowship Uniting Assembly implies that registration is open to all, we are limited by available space at Stephens College. Thus, some limitation of delegation size is necessary.

No one will be finally registered for the Assembly until his (her) registration has been validated by national offices of the uniting movements.

1) Send registration to UCCF Administrative Coordinator's Office (address on other side).
2) Coordinator's office will clear all applications with the uniting movements.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Publications

The Publications Committee has directed a pioneer effort of UCCF. Two publications, Encounter and Resource, were first issued in August, 1959, under the Provisional Executive Committee. Subscription lists of each publication have grown steadily through the year.

Encounter is a four-page, thought-provoking paper that can be distributed readily to an entire campus mailing list. It is issued in August (issue especially for new students), October, January, and April.

Resource, a compilation of resource materials and program helps, is issued in October, January, and April.

Other publications may be developed as UCCF matures or if other possibilities for cooperation are opened.